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Information Works! 2006 Reports Available On Line at RIDE-URI Website

The first elements of Information Works! 2006 have been posted on the Information Works! website, www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu

Information Works!, a joint project of the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the National Center on Public Education and Social Policy, at the University of Rhode Island, consists of a collection of reports on all public schools and school districts in Rhode Island, plus a detailed State Report that contains statewide data on assessments, school finances, and other aspects of instruction and school climate.

The project is now in its ninth year.

The Information Works! 2006 reports are being posted on line as and when they are ready. The first reports posted include:

- Data from the annual SALT Survey of parents, students, and teachers on school environments and teaching practices
- A set of reports drawn from the annual SALT Survey of students regarding health risks; this is a new report for Information Works! 2006

Over the next few months, more sections will be added to the school reports, including information about the statewide assessments, school finances, attendance and dropout rates, suspensions, and teacher qualifications. Statewide tables, including the complete list of school-performance classifications, and district-level reports will also be posted. It is expected that all reports will be on line by May of 2006, when the state report will be published in booklet form.